

Application No.: 10/725,591
Examiner: A. F. Wieker
Art Unit: 3743

REMARKS

Favorable and prompt allowance of the pending claims in the application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

Claim 8 is amended with the allowable subject matter of claim 12, as identified in the office action.

Claim 11 is amended with the allowable subject matter of claim 12 such that the term "receptacle" is amended as "channel" in order to correspond to claim 11.

Claim 12 is thus canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 9 is canceled due to the amendment to claim 1 and the indefiniteness of the language in the claim.

Claims 1-7 stand allowed, as acknowledged in the office action.

As a result of the amendment to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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